

## **August 2007 Message from the Deputy Director**

We are making progress on the Center for Results (CFR). Under the “Center for Results” tab, please check out our Center for Results Steering Committee Charter and process template. The Charter specifies the Steering Committee’s composition, roles and responsibilities. The process template includes the specific types of contracts we will pursue to make the CFR a reality. We will build on this matrix to develop the processes that will support the CFR.

We reached our first CFR contracting milestone in July, entering into a two-year agreement with the Institute for Social Research (ISR) to produce our annual report. Our next challenge is to secure a contractor to help guide us through the Request for Proposal process to secure a vendor to build our *new* information technology solution. We hope to secure this contractor in October.

Under “PEDS Resources” we posted a matrix specifying the type of PEDS support our staff will provide until we can procure a new information technology system. We are currently working to secure a PEDS programmer to correct PEDS programming issues directly related to First 5 California programs and reporting requirements, including issues with the Special Needs module. Please keep in mind that we are no longer supporting programming changes to PEDS for non-First 5 California programs or reporting requirements.

To learn more about First 5 California research and evaluation, I encourage you to join the Research and Evaluation Team on our monthly Technical Assistance conference calls. This month’s call is on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

**Stacie Sormano, Deputy Director**

**Research and Evaluation Division**